

REMARKS

These remarks are submitted in reply to the Office Action dated May 04, 2007 09-24-07. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of the patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

Based on the remarks herein, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

I. Claims 3 – 8, 14 – 15 and 17 were objected to as being depednetn upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims have been rewritten and Applicant submits are in condition for allowance.

Further new claims 25 and 26 were added. Claim 25 includes the limitations of independent claim 12 and allowable claim 17. Further, claim 26 includes all of the limitations of claims 12 and allowable claim 15. Thus, Applicant submits these claims are allowable further to the May 04, 2007 office action.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that with the present amendments, claims 1, 2, 4 – 13 and 15 - 26 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

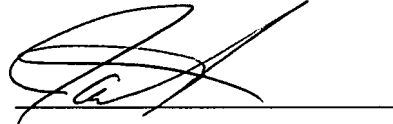
From the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the stated grounds of rejections have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants

respectfully request that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.

If the Examiner believes, for any reasons, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the following number: 202-607-4607.

The USPTO is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 502697 any fees associated with this response not referenced above.

Respectfully submitted,

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